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# ***The INEEL Conceptual Model***

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*A Fresh Look at INEEL Waters*

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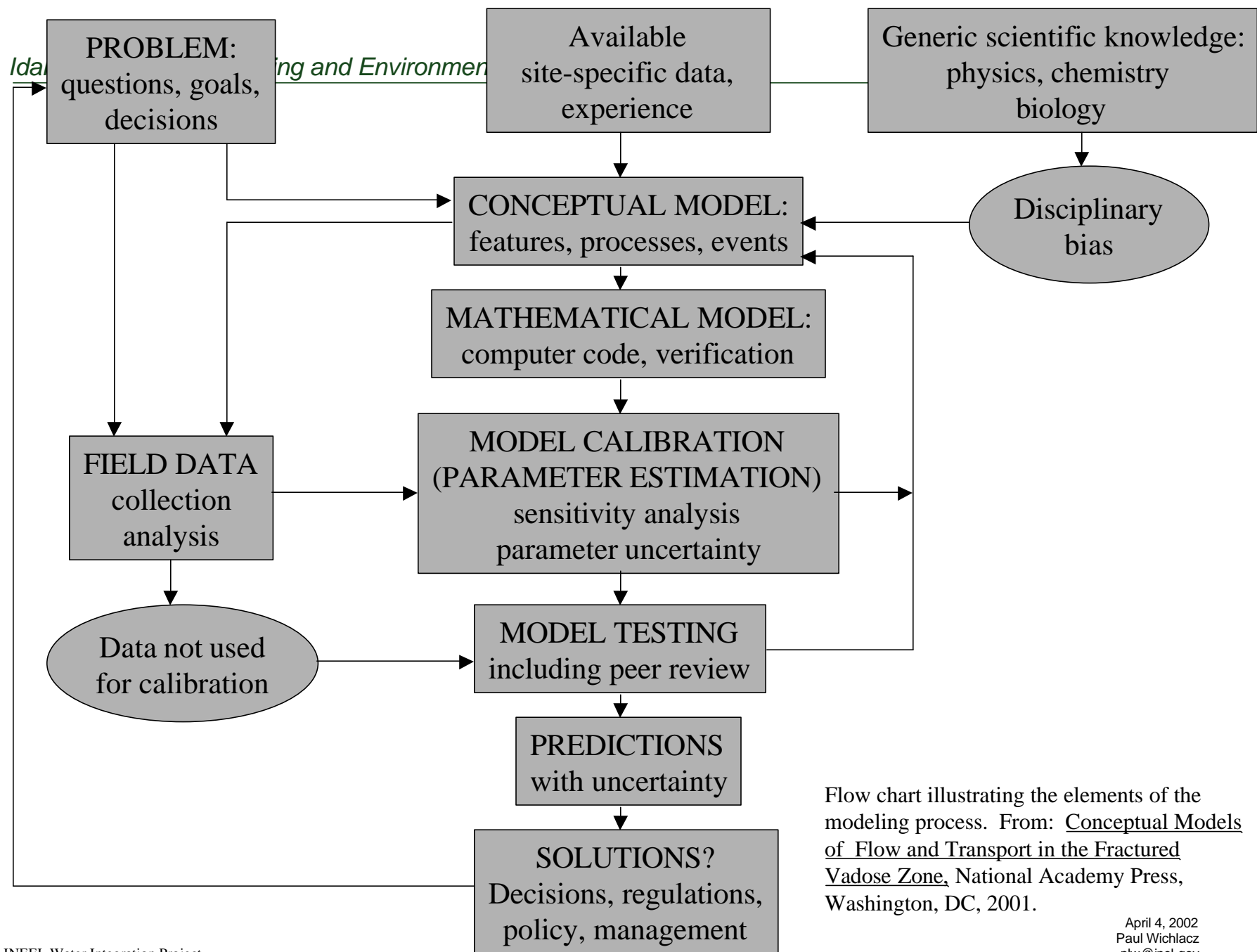
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# ***Conceptual Model***

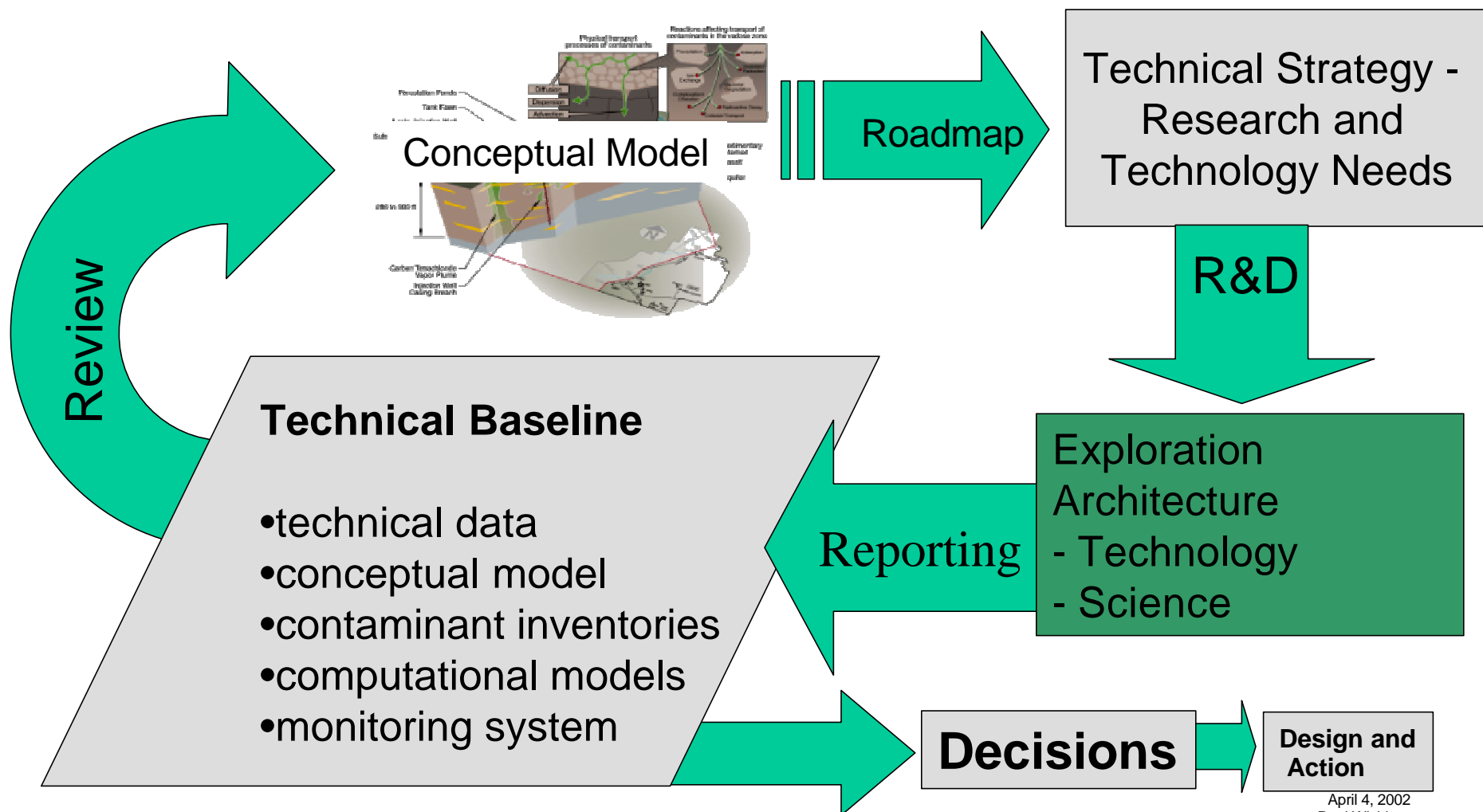
*A conceptual model is an evolving hypothesis identifying the important features, processes, and events controlling fluid flow and contaminant transport of consequence at a specific field site in the context of a recognized problem*

*From: Conceptual Models of Flow and Transport in the Fractured Vadose Zone, National Academy Press, Washington, DC, 2001.*



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# Conceptual Modeling Process



## **3 Products**

- ***Background (summary) document (9/30/02)***
- ***The Conceptual Model Itself ( Draft 1, 9/30/02, Electronic web based version, Late 2004)***
- ***Management Plan for Conceptual Model (MCP ???) (9/30/03)***

# ***Background of INEEL Conceptual Models***

- *Summary description of the INEEL regional and sub-regional **groundwater** models that are currently in use.*
- *Description of how they are used.*
- *Analysis of uncertainties and research needed for resolution.*

# ***Path Forward***

## ***Task 1- Define the bounds of the Conceptual Model (4/12/02)***

- *Organize Primary Technical Team*
- *Develop scope, schedule and budget for “Summary”*
- *Develop publication, configuration, and Info. Mgmt plans*
- ***Task 2 - Hold Technical group meetings (April-July)***
- *Atmosphere*
- *Hydrology*
- *Geology*
- *Biogeochemistry*
- *Contaminant source/receptor*

## ***Path Forward: cont.***

### ***Task 3 -Integrate and Publish (August -September)***

- *Team Leaders formulate the Model (FY-02)*
- *Have the Big Workshop (FY-02)*
- *Put “it” on the web (FY-sometime later)*
- *Publish it in the open literature (FY-03-04)*



## ***Initial Meeting***

- *Purpose: To define the framework and bounds of the conceptual model and to develop a process for it's development*
- *When: April 9, 2002, 1/2 day long*
- *Where: TBD, probably offsite*
- *Who: Interested technical people who will be able to stick with the project till it's completion*
- *How: Collaboratively agree to develop a Conceptual Model*